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Rep. Allen announces nationally-known, bipartisan speakers for informational hearing

Ethics in Government: Balancing Transparency and Privacy

Rep. Scott Allen, chairman of the Assembly Committee on Constitution and Ethics, has announced the speakers for an informational hearing. The presentations will revolve around the theme of “Ethics in Government: Balancing Transparency and Privacy.”

“Laws don’t tell us how to be ethical,” said Rep. Allen. “Laws just tell us the minimum standard of ethics. These speakers are going to lead a fascinating discussion of how exceed the minimum and excel at doing good government in the legislative process.”

Invited speakers include:

Mike McCabe, Esq.—Council of State Governments

Comparative Overview of Midwestern State Government Transparency Efforts

Denis Collins, Ph.D.—Edgewood College

Culture for Ethical Conduct

Tom Kamenick, Esq.—Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty

Public Access to Government Documents Essential for Liberty

Mark Quiner, Esq.—National Conference of State Legislators

Confidentiality vs. Cover Up

Anthony Gray, Esq.—Institute for Global Ethics

Private Privilege vs Public Right: Framing Ethical Decisions

Joel Griffith, Esq.—American Legislative Exchange Council

Budget Transparency Essential for Good Government

The informational hearing will begin at 1pm on February 27, 2018, in room 412 East at the Wisconsin State Capitol.

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The 97th Assembly District includes portions of the City of Waukesha and the Towns of Waukesha, Genesee, and Mukwonago.



1. Mike McCabe: Council of State Governments

Comparative Overview of Midwestern State Government Transparency Efforts

Mike McCabe is the director of the Midwestern Office of The Council of State Governments. In that role, he oversees the efforts of an eleven-member team that provides research and staff support services to several groups of state officials, including the Midwestern Legislative Conference, the Great Lakes Legislative Caucus and the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Commission, among others. Prior to assuming his current duties, he served first as a policy analyst and later as the assistant director of the Midwestern Office.

Over the years, The Council of State Governments has played an instrumental role in the creation of numerous interstate compacts. During his tenure at CSG, Mike has provided drafting and consulting assistance in connection with several such agreements, including the Interstate Agricultural Grain Marketing Compact, the Midwestern Higher Education Compact, the Interstate Insurance Receivership Compact, the Interstate Compact on Mental Health, the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact, and the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact. More recently, he participated in the development of the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision and the Interstate Compact for Juveniles. He is also the co-author of *The Evolving Use and the Changing Role of Interstate Compacts – A Practitioner’s Guide*, published by the American Bar Association in 2006.

Before joining CSG, Mike worked as an attorney with a private law firm in Des Moines, Iowa. A graduate of Iowa State University, he earned his law degree at the University of Illinois.



2. Denis Collins: Edgewood College

Culture for Ethical Conduct

Denis Collins is Full Professor of Management at the Edgewood College School of Business in Madison, Wisconsin. He holds a Ph.D. in Business Administration from the University of Pittsburgh. Denis has published six books and numerous articles. His latest books – *Business Ethics: Best Practices for Designing and Managing Ethical Organizations* (2019: SAGE Publishing), and *Essentials in Business Ethics: Creating an Organization of High Integrity and Superior Performance* (2009: John Wiley & Sons) – provide practical “how-to” examples and best practices for improving an organization’s ethical performance. He has conducted hundreds of business ethics workshops, talks, and consulting projects.

Denis currently serves on the Editorial Boards of the *Journal of Business Ethics* and *Journal of Academic Ethics*, and has served on the board of directors for several professional organizations and nonprofits. He is the recipient of the 2015 Wisconsin BBB Torch Light for Ethics for service to Wisconsin Better Business Bureau, 2014 Sister Stevie Award for embodying Edgewood College’s mission and spirit, 2011 Samuel

Mazzuchelli Medallion for empowering others, 2010 MBA Outstanding Faculty Award and the 2009 Estervig-Beaubien Outstanding Professor Award, School of Business, Edgewood College, for excellence in Teaching and Mentoring. Three times he was voted the outstanding MBA faculty member at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in Business Week's survey of alumni. Professor Collins was a finalist for the Academy of Management's Distinguished Educator Award.



3. Tom Kamenick: Wisconsin Institute For Law & Liberty

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Tom Kamenick is the Deputy Counsel and Litigation Manager for the Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty. Tom joined WILL at its founding in the summer of 2011. He graduated magna cum laude from Marquette Law School in 2009 and holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts from UW-Milwaukee. During law school, he interned at the Internal Revenue Service, the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, and the Wisconsin Supreme Court. He also served as an editor of the Marquette Law Review and a volunteer tax preparer.

Tom is WILL's Deputy Counsel and Litigation Manager, overseeing WILL's growing docket of court cases and coordinating the organization's team of attorneys. He specializes in open government law and local government issues.

Prior to joining WILL, Tom worked as a law clerk for Justice Michael J. Gableman on the Wisconsin Supreme Court, as a tax consultant for Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren, s.c., and as a research assistant for Marquette Law School's dean, Joseph Kearney. He is currently an adjunct professor at Wisconsin Lutheran College, teaching an undergraduate business law course.

Tom lives in Saukville with his wife and two children. He enjoys giving back to his community, serving on Saukville's Public Safety Committee and on the board of Musical Masquers, a theater company based in West Bend. He has both performing and directing credits in Community Theater and plays in his church's two handbell choirs.



4. Mark Quiner: National Conference of State Legislatures

Confidentiality vs. Cover Up

Mark Quiner is the director of the Center for Ethics in Government. Mark previously served as the acting director and assistant director of the nonpartisan Wyoming Legislative Service Office for the Wyoming Legislature where he worked for 26 years. Quiner graduated from the University of Wyoming, School of Law, and has been an attorney for more than 30 years. Following law school, he worked in the Wyoming Supreme Court for Chief Justice C. Stuart Brown, and then served as assistant attorney general for the state of Wyoming before working for

the Wyoming Legislature. Quiner is the father of one grown son.



5. Anthony Gray: Institute for Global Ethics

Private Privilege vs Public Right: Framing Ethical Decisions

Anthony J. Gray is President and Chief Executive Officer at the Institute for Global Ethics of Madison, Wisconsin. Previously, he served as Global Compliance Officer at Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation where his innovative leadership significantly improved the global compliance culture within the organization. Responsibilities included internal investigations, ethics education and training, legal and regulatory compliance, enterprise risk management, as well as serving as chief ethics and compliance officer.

Prior to his work at Sikorsky, Mr. Gray was an attorney with Day Pitney LLP of Hartford, Connecticut, where he, as a member of the energy and later the finance departments, provided executive counsel to international corporations. Mr. Gray also served as Judicial Intern for Chief Justice Shirley S. Abrahamson of the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

Mr. Gray currently serves on the Wisconsin State Bar Association Board of Governors, is past-President of the Nonresident Lawyers Division of the Wisconsin State Bar, and has previously served on boards of Lawyers for Children America, Community Health Services of Hartford, Hartford Community Loan Fund (CDFI), and previously served as Commissioner of the Hartford Economic Development Commission. He is currently a board member at Forward Community Investments (CDFI), in Madison.

Mr. Gray has also just completed his appointed term as a Distinguished Scholar at the Wisconsin Institute for Discovery, a transdisciplinary research institute at the University of Wisconsin–Madison.

Mr. Gray is married and has two children, and resides with his family in Madison, Wisconsin. He received a J.D. from the University of Wisconsin Law School, an M.A.R. in Ethics from Yale Divinity School, a B.G.S. degree from the University of Connecticut, and is the recipient of several honorary awards. Additionally, Mr. Gray has been admitted to practice law in Wisconsin, the District of Columbia, Connecticut, and New York.



6. Joel Griffith: American legislative Exchange Council

Budget Transparency Essential for Good Government

Joel Griffith is the Director for the Tax and Fiscal Policy task force at ALEC. Joel earned his juris doctor at the Chapman University Dale E. Fowler School of Law, with a dual emphasis in Alternative Dispute Resolution and Federal Income Taxation; he is currently a member of the State Bar of California. Numerous media outlets have featured Joel's written analysis, including The Wall Street Journal, Forbes

online, Investor's Business Daily, The Washington Times, the Orange County Register, and Times of Israel. He also made appearances on Fox Business News.